(b) what are the reasons for such accidents and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The number of IAF aircraft destroyed in accidents is as follows:—

1988-89	..	32
1989-90	..	31
1990-91	..	23

(b) The three major reasons for aircraft accidents are technical defects, human errors and bird strikes. Effort to minimise accidents is an ongoing process. Every accident is investigated by a Court of Inquiry and follow up action is taken on the recommendations of the Court. Whenever causes of technical failures are established, remedial measures are taken in consultation with the manufacturers and, if required, suitable modifications are introduced. For minimising human error, training procedures and syllabi are under constant review. The problem of bird hazard is being tackled in coordination with State Governments/Local Bodies to ensure clean environment in and around IAF airfields.

Action on the various recommendations of a high level Committee which examined all aspects of Flight Safety, accepted by the Government, has been completed.

Failure of Pepsi Foods Limited to fulfil obligations

791. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pepsi Foods Limited of Punjab has failed to fulfil its obligations;

(b) what were the conditions when the application of the Pepsi Foods Limited was cleared by Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pepsi Foods Limited has failed its commitment of exports; and

(d) what was the amount of employment generated by Pepsi Foods Limited in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation were granted a letter of intent on 19th/29th September, 1988 (subsequently transferred to M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd.) for the manufacture of items and the capacities indicated therein, subject to the following special conditions in addition to the normal conditions attached to letter of intent:—

(i) The turnover from soft drink concentrate manufacturing shall in no year exceed 25 per cent of the total turn-over of the company for that year.

(ii) The project shall export 50 percent of its total turnover each year for a period of ten years from the commencement of commercial production of which 40 per cent will be from the company's own manufactured products and 10 per cent from 'Select List' products manufactured by others. The foreign exchange inflow shall not be less than 5 times the foreign exchange outflow of the project during the aforementioned ten year period.

(iii) There shall be no import of proprietory ingradients to manufacture soft drink concentrates and the raw materials available within the country shall be used to the maximum extent possible. The import of any raw-meterial and chemical that are not available indigenously shall be regulated by the Import Policy in force from time to time and no special import concessions shall be allowed.

(iv) Foreign brand names shall not be allowed to be used on domestic sales.

(v) Efforts should be made to increase export potential and the actual export performance of the project which would include export of soft drinks also.

(vi) The Company shall set up an Agro Research Centre Covering the development of improved varieties. development of optimum production technologies, multiplication of high quality seeds, oil seeds research etc.

M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited has set up plants for potato/grain processing and soft drink concentrate plant at Channo, District Sangrur and fruit & vegetable processing plant at Zahura, Hoshiarpur in Punjab. The above three plants under the project were commissioned during February, 1990 and June, 1990 respectively.

The company has taken steps to encourage the farmers in developing nursery protected under polythene cover for growing tomato seedlings and to grow good quality high yielding hybrid tomatoes by adopting deep chieseling techniques. The Company has also informed that it has taken steps in setting up of Agro Research Centre at Zahura.

The company has informed that they exported various products to the tune of Rs. 9.62 crores during 1.4.1990 to 31.3. 1991. The items exported in that year were not found to be from amongst the products manufactured in three units mentioned above.

According to the information furnished by the company the project has generated employment of about 7500 people.

(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

STATEMENTS BY MINISTER

Correcting the replies given in the Rajya Sabha on—

(i) the 2nd January, 1991 to Unstarred Question 283 regarding demands of CLTRI Employees Association, Chengalpattu; and

(ii) the 16th July, 1991, to Unstarred Question 139 regarding steps to control population.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting answer to Unstarred Question No. 283 given on 2nd January, 1991 regarding demands of CLTRI Employees Association, Chengalpattu;

[Placed in Lib. *See* No. LT- /91]

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Madam, I have to put a question which is related to this... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is her maiden speech. Please do not interrupt. Let her finish.

SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA: I beg to lay on the Table another statement (in English and Hindi) correcting answer to Unstarred Question No. 139 given on 16th July, 1991 regarding steps to control population. [Placed in Lib. *See* No. LT- /91]

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Madam, this is not regarding the performance of the Minister but the performance of the Government. The corrections to the answers given in the month of January are given now, i.e., in the month of July. Why has this Government taken over six months to correct these mistakes?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: We were not here then... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: There were two Sessions in between January and July. Is the bureaucracy taking this House for a side... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Never mind. In future the Government will see to it that they come back with corrections immediately. Now papers to be laid on the Table.